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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** 

July 31, 2012

i a. Hamai SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Re:

Rowland Unified School District

General Obligation Bond Election, November 6, 2012

Dear Mr. Logan:

Enclosed is a signed copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Rowland Unified School District ordering a general obligation bond election for November 6, 2012. This election is being ordered under Proposition 39 and requires a 55% vote for passage.

In order to comply with Proposition 39 and related statutes the Board has adopted a full ballot text to be printed in the ballot pamphlet and an abbreviated form of measure.

We hereby request that the Measure be titled Measure R, the reason being that the past two bonds were titled Measure R and both were successful.

The Board of Education has requested consolidation of this election with others occurring on the same day and we are submitting a copy of the resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Ruben P. Frutos

Deputy Superintendent

Administrative Services Division

Enclosure

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County Superintendent of Schools Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Board Vision: The Rowland Unified School District promotes, expects, and accepts nothing short of excellence. We have a collective commitment to be the best school district in California.

The mission of the Rowland Unified School District, the progressive international community united in learning, is to empower students so that each actualizes his or her unique potential and responsibly contributes to a global society, through a system distinguished by rigorous academics, innovative use of technology, creative exploration, and nurturing learning experiences.

## RESOLUTION NO. A:11-12:12:XI.16

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BONDS, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS OCCURRING ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012

- WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Rowland Unified School District (the "District"), it is advisable to call an election to submit to the electors of the District the question whether bonds of the District (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the acquisition and improvement of real property, and the furnishing and equipping of school facilities; and
- WHEREAS, as a result of the approval of Proposition 39 on November 7, 2000, Article XIII A, Section 1, paragraph (b), of the California Constitution ("Article XIII A") provides an exception to the limit on ad valorem property taxes on real property for bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district approved by 55 percent of the voters of the District voting on the proposition; and
- WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized, upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the Board, to pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by a 55 percent vote of the electorate on the question whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for specified purposes, pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 et seq. (the "Act"); and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, and to request the Los Angeles County and Orange County Registrars of Voters to perform certain election services for the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Rowland Unified School District the following:

- Section 1. Call for Election. The Board hereby orders an election and submits to the electors of the District the question of whether general obligation bonds of the District shall be issued and sold in the maximum principal amount of \$158,800,000 for the purpose of raising money to finance school facilities and property of the District, and paying costs incident thereto, as set forth more fully in the ballot proposition approved pursuant to Section 3. This Resolution constitutes the order of the District to call such election.
- **Section 2.** Election Date. The date of the election shall be November 6, 2012, and the election shall be held solely within the boundaries of the District.
- **Section 3.** Purpose of Election; Ballot Proposition. The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a full copy of which is

attached hereto and marked Exhibit A, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds for the purposes stated therein, together with the accountability requirements of Article XIII A and Government Code Section 53410 and the requirements of Section 15272 of the Act. As required by Elections Code Section 13247, the abbreviated form of the measure to appear on the ballot is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B. The Superintendent or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the proposition or this resolution as required to conform to any requirements of Article XIII A, the Act, or the Los Angeles County and Orange County Registrars of Voters.

- Section 4. Authority for Election. The authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15264 et. seq. of the Education Code and Section I, paragraph (b), subsection (3), of Article XIII A. The authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.
- Section 5. School Facilities Projects. As required by Article XIII A, the Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the list of school facilities projects set forth on Exhibit A-1.
- Section 6. Covenants of the Board upon Approval of the Bonds by the Electorate. As required by Article XIII, Section 15278 of the Act, and Government Code Section 53410, in the event 55 percent of the voters voting in the District approve of the Bonds, the Board shall:
  - conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the projects listed in Exhibit A-1;
  - conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1;
  - establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee in accordance with Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282 of the Act;
  - apply the bond proceeds only to the specific purposes stated in the ballot proposition;
  - cause creation of accounts into which bond proceeds shall be deposited;
  - cause the preparation of an annual report pursuant to Government Code Sections 53410 and 53411.
- Section 7. Delivery of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County and Orange County Superintendents of Schools, the Los Angeles County and Orange County Registrars of Voters (the "County Registrars") and the Los Angeles County and Orange County Clerks of the Board of Supervisors. The County Registrars are

hereby requested to print the Full Text of Measure set forth on Exhibit A hereto, in the ballot materials.

- Section 8. Consolidation of Election. The County Registrars and the Los Angeles and Orange County Boards of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 6, 2012, within the District.
- Section 9. Ballot Arguments; Tax Rate Statement. Any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument. The Superintendent, President of the Board, or their designees, are hereby authorized to execute any Tax Rate Statement or other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the bond measure on the ballot.
- Section 10. Agreements Approved. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to execute the agreements on file with Jones Hall, A Professional Law Corporation, which firm is appointed hereby to perform bond counsel and disclosure counsel services in regard to the Bonds and George K. Baum & Company as Underwriter.
- Section 11. Election Services. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Boards of Supervisors of Los Angeles County and Orange County, are requested to permit the Registrars of Voters to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County and Orange County in full upon presentation of a bill, such services to include the publication of a formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code).

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect on and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Rowland Unified School District the 26 day of June, 2012.

Signed:

Clerk/President/Secretary to the Board of Education

Rowland Unified School District

County of Los Angeles, State of California

# **CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I,ROBERT_HIDALGO, Clerk of the Board of Education of the ROWLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of
Resolution No. A:11-12:12:XI.16 adopted at a regular meeting place thereof on the 26th day
of June, 2012, of which meeting all the members of said Board of Education had due notice and
at which a majority thereof were present, and that at said meeting said resolution was adopted
by the following vote:

AYES: <u>5</u>

NOES: <u>0</u>

ABSENT: 0

An agenda of said meeting was posted at least 72 hours before said meeting at 1830 Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, California, a location freely accessible to members of the public, and a brief general description of said resolution appeared on said agenda.

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of said meeting on file and of record in my office; that the foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at said board meeting and entered in said minutes; and that said resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

Dated: \_\_JUNE 26\_\_, 2012

Clerk of the Board of Education of the ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### **EXHIBIT A**

# BALLOT MEASURE FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

This proposition may be known and referred to as the Rowland Unified School District 2012 School Improvement Bond or Measure \_\_\_\_.

# BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$158,800,000 in principal at interest rates below the legal limit, to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List attached hereto as Exhibit A-1, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

## **BOND PROJECT LIST**

The Bond Project List attached to this resolution as Exhibit A-1 shall be considered a part of the ballot proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

Approval of this Bond Measure (the "Measure") does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the Measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the Measure. If state matching funds become available, they will be used for and applied to the Bond Project List as per Exhibit A-1. The District's proposal for the project or projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

<u>Evaluation of Needs</u>. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A-1.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

<u>Performance Audits.</u> The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expanded only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1.

<u>Financial Audits.</u> The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1.

Special Bond Proceeds Account: Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board annually, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine and may be incorporated in the annual budget, audit, or another appropriate routine report to the Board.

# FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and construction management by district personnel and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

The proceeds of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Los Angeles County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code.

#### **EXHIBIT A-1**

#### BOND PROJECT LIST

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, and improvement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, such as teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

It is the intent of the Board of Education that the following projects be completed with these funds:

- Construct classrooms and school facilities at Rowland High School to replace aging portables and classrooms.
- Construct classrooms and school facilities at Nogales High School to replace aging portables and classrooms.
- Construct classrooms and school facilities at S. G. Oswalt Academy to replace temporary facilities.
- 4. Repair and replace aging athletic facilities and field equipment.
- 5. Install Energy Efficiency upgrades to schools and District facilities.
- Repair and upgrade classrooms not previously upgraded to meet current district standards.
- 7. Repair, upgrade and replace aging Shower/Locker Rooms.
- 8. Repair, construct and renovate Multi-Purpose rooms.
- 9. Repair, upgrade and replace Libraries and Media Centers.
- Upgrade power and electrical systems to accommodate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Systems Upgrades.
- 11. Repair and upgrade Fire Alarm systems as necessary to meet current standards.
- 12. Renovate and Replace aging school facilities as necessary.
- 13. Renovate and Repair aging restrooms.
- 14. Repair, upgrade and construct school facilities as necessary to meet district structural standards and/or curriculum requirements.
- 15. Renovate and Repair grounds (including concrete, asphalt, landscaping)
- Address and complete various Maintenance/Repair projects (including fascia, doors, roofs, HVAC, plaster).

Every school campus within the Rowland Unified School District will receive Measure \_\_\_\_ bond funds. Bond funds will be used to make necessary repairs and upgrades to existing school campuses, as well as to construct replacement facilities and schools as warranted by demographics and facility usage needs. The existing campuses will receive repair, modernization, upgrade, expansion and new construction as necessary.

# **EXHIBIT B**

# MEASURE \_\_\_\_

To continue to upgrade Rowland Unified schools, repair, equip, construct and/or reconstruct classrooms, roofs, multiuse facilities, gyms/athletic facilities, libraries, science & technology labs, and construct permanent classrooms to replace temporary portables, shall Rowland Unified School District issue \$158.8 million in bonds at legal interest rates, with no funds for administrative salaries or employee pensions, with mandatory annual audits	BONDS YES
and independent citizen oversight?	BONDS NO